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6 a flywheel body secured to said elastic plate and
7 having an engageable surface which is engageable with a
8 clutch disc[,]; and

9 a reinforcing member for reinforcing said elastic plate
10 at a portion of said elastic plate which is secured to said
11 crankshaft;

12 said elastic plate having an axial rigidity in the
13 range of 600 kg/mm to 2200 kg/mm so as to ensure
14 transmission of engine torque to said driven unit, while
15 decreasing noise produced by a bending vibration of said
16 crankshaft[.];

17 wherein each of said elastic plate, said flywheel body
18 and said reinforcing member comprises a first portion, said
19 first portion of said flywheel body being placed axially
20 between said first portions of said elastic plate and said
21 reinforcing member, and said first portion of said flywheel
22 body being axially movable between said first portions of
23 said elastic plate and said reinforcing member.

Please add new claims 19 to 26 as follows:

1 -- 19.²⁰ (Newly added) A flywheel according to Claim 11,
2 wherein said reinforcing member (4) and said elastic plate
3 (2) are fastened to said crankshaft (1) by a fastening means

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4 (3), and said elastic plate is clamped between said
5 crankshaft and said reinforcing member.

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1 20. (Newly added) A flywheel according to Claim 19,
2 wherein said elastic plate is circular and comprises an
3 outer peripheral portion (2b) surrounding said first portion
4 of said elastic plate, so that said first portion of said
5 elastic plate is an inner portion of said elastic plate,
6 said flywheel body comprises an outer peripheral portion
7 (5a) which surrounds said first portion of said flywheel
8 body, so that said first portion of said flywheel body is an
9 inner portion of said flywheel body, said outer peripheral
10 portions of said elastic plate and said flywheel body are
11 fastened together by a second fastening means (6), said
12 inner portion of said flywheel body comprises an inwardly
13 facing inside cylindrical surface defining a central
14 circular hole (5b), said reinforcing member comprises a
15 cylindrical portion (4a) which is received in said circular
16 hole (5b) of said flywheel body, and comprises an outwardly
17 facing outside cylindrical surface surrounded by said
18 inwardly facing cylindrical surface of said flywheel body,
19 said first portion of said reinforcing member is in the form
20 of an outward flange (4b), said first portion of said
21 flywheel body is slidably mounted on said cylindrical

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22 portion of said reinforcing member so that said first
23 portion of said flywheel body is axially slidable between
24 said inner portion of said elastic plate and said outward
25 flange of said reinforcing member.

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1 21. (Newly added) A flywheel according to Claim 19,
2 wherein said inner portion of said flywheel body comprises a
3 first surface (5f) which is substantially parallel to said
4 engageable surface (5g) and which faces toward said elastic
5 plate, and a second surface (5d) which is substantially
6 parallel to said engageable surface and which faces toward
7 said outward flange of said reinforcing member, said inner
8 portion of said elastic plate comprising an abutting surface
9 confronting said first surface of said flywheel body and
10 limiting an axial movement of said inner portion of said
11 elastic plate by abutting against said first surface of said
12 flywheel body, said outward flange of said reinforcing
13 member comprises an abutting surface confronting said second
14 surface of said flywheel body and limiting the axial
15 movement of said inner portion of said flywheel body by
16 abutting against said second surface of said flywheel body,

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17 an axial distance between said first and second surfaces of
18 said flywheel body is smaller than an axial distance between
19 said abutting surfaces of said elastic member and said
20 reinforcing member.

1 ²³ 22. (Newly added) A flywheel according to Claim 21,
2 wherein said second surface (5d) of said inner portion of
3 said flywheel body is located axially between said first
4 surface (5f) and said engageable surface (5g) of said
5 flywheel body.

1 ²⁴ 23. (Newly added) A flywheel assembly comprising:
2 a driving shaft (1) for transmitting torque;
3 a circular elastic member (2) comprising an outer
4 portion and an inner portion and extending radially inwardly
5 from said outer portion to said inner portion, said inner
6 portion of said elastic member being fastened to a shaft end
7 of said driving shaft;
8 an annular flywheel member (5) comprising an outer
9 portion and an inner portion and extending radially inwardly
10 from said outer portion to said inner portion of said

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11 flywheel member, said outer portion of said flywheel member
12 being fastened to said outer portion of said elastic member,
13 said inner portion of said flywheel member comprising a
14 central circular hole; and

15 a reinforcing member (4) comprising a cylindrical
16 portion (4a) axially extending from a first end to a second
17 end, an inner portion extending radially inwardly from said
18 first end of said cylindrical portion, and an outward flange
19 (4b) extending radially outwardly from said second end of
20 said cylindrical portion, said inner portion of said
21 reinforcing member being fastened to said shaft end of said
22 driving shaft, said cylindrical portion of said reinforcing
23 member being loosely fit in said circular hole of said
24 flywheel member;

25 wherein said inner portion of said elastic member is
26 fixedly clamped between said shaft end of said driving shaft
27 and said inner portion of said reinforcing member, said
28 inner portion of said flywheel member is loosely fit over
29 said cylindrical portion of said reinforcing member and
30 located axially between said inner portion of said elastic
31 member and said outward flange of said reinforcing member,
32 said outward flange is axially spaced from said inner
33 portion of said elastic member at an axial distance which
34 allows axial movement of said inner portion of said flywheel

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35 body between said inner portion of said elastic member and
36 said outward flange of said reinforcing member.

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1 ~~24.~~²⁴ (Newly added) A flywheel assembly according to
2 Claim ~~23~~²⁴, wherein said elastic member has an axial rigidity
3 which is in the range of 600 kg/mm to 2200 kg/mm.

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1 ~~25.~~²⁶ (Newly added) A flywheel assembly according to
2 Claim ~~23~~²⁴, wherein a wall thickness of said inner portion of
3 said reinforcing member is greater than a wall thickness of
4 each of said outward flanges of said reinforcing member and
5 said inner portion of said elastic member, said wall
6 thickness of each of said inner portion and said outward
7 flange of said reinforcing member and said inner portion of
8 said elastic member being a dimension measured in an axial
9 direction parallel to an axis of said driving shaft.

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1 ~~26.~~²⁷ (Newly added) A flywheel assembly according to
2 Claim ~~23~~²⁴, further comprising a first fastening means for
3 fastening said outer portions of said elastic member and
4 said flywheel member together, and a second fastening means
5 for fastening said inner portions of said elastic member and
6 said reinforcing member to said shaft end of said driving
7 shaft, each of said first and second fastening means